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SUBJECT: FON MIN REQUEST TO SEE SECRETARY

1. I WAS CONVOKED AT 1730 HOURS LOCAL JULY 17 BY FONMIN UMBA-DI-LUTETE WHO SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. UMBA EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY ADVANCE NOTICE HE NEEDED WAS TO GIVE HIM SUFFICIENT TRAVEL TIME TO US. HE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY PERSONALLY IN ORDER TO DISCUSS AN "URGENT AND IMPORTANT MATTER." HE SAID AMBASSADOR MBEKA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD REQUEST ALSO BUT THAT HE WISHED EMBASSY TO ASSIST AS WELL. I OF COURSE MADE NO COMMITMENT BUT SAID THAT I WOULD FORWARD REQUEST IMMEDIATELY.

2. ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC, FROM CONTEXT OF CONVERSATION I GATHER MOBUTU WOULD LIKE TO GET SECRETARY'S POSITION ON ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND, IN PARTICULAR, US ATTITUDE TOWARDS HOLDEN ROBERTO.

3. COMMENT: I FULLY REALIZE LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME AVAILABLE FOR SECRETARY TO RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC VISITORS.

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HOWEVER, MOBUTU IS CLEARLY PREOCCUPIED WITH FUTURE OF

ANGOLA AND HE WISHES TO HAVE AN AUTHORITATIVE HIGH LEVEL
STATEMENT OF OUR CURRENT VIEWS. IN VIEW OF BRUISED FEELINGS
AS RESULT OF INABILITY NGUZA AND UMBA TO SEE SECRETARY
DURING UNGA SPECIAL SESSION IN THE SPRING, I HOPE
SECRETARY CAN AGREE TO RECEIVE UMBA BRIEFLY, AFTER
WHICH MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE HANDLED BY OTHER
SENIOR OFFICIALS. NEWLIN

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